

## "GUILTY!" SAY SCOTTSBORO JURY OF TWELVE Churches Awarded Six Big Prizes

### "We Have Just Begun To Fight," Announces The I.L.D.

"I'LL FIGHT FOR JUSTICE FOR  
THESE BOYS AS LONG AS I LIVE"  
Voiced Leibowitz

By John L. Spivak  
(Exclusively For The Associated Negro Press)

Chattanooga, Tenn., April 14th (ANP). The waging of an unending fight until the nine Scottsboro boys are torn from the hands of a white lynch mob, masquerading as law officials, was announced here by William L. Patterson, secretary of the International Labor Defense, who arrived in Chattanooga today to confer with Defense Counsel on the next steps in the defense of the boys.

Patterson said he left New York immediately upon receiving the flash that a laughing jury of twelve Alabama whites had found Heywood Patterson guilty of the framed charge and recommended that his sentence be death. The I. L. D. Secretary went into conference immediately upon arrival with Joseph Bredsky, I. L. D. attorney from New York who participated in the defense in Decatur, and Gen. G. W. Chanley of Chattanooga.

"The fight has just begun," said Patterson in an exclusive interview with the Associated Negro Press. "Our first steps will be nation wide petition circulated demanding an adjournment of the Weems' trial scheduled for the 17th of this month, until after an appeal has been taken in the Patterson case. Simultaneously the I. L. D. and its affiliated bodies as well as the petitions will demand that a charge of venue be granted by Judge James E. Horton from Morgan county to Birmingham. The Patterson decision is evidence of the impossibility of getting a shred of justice for a Negro in Morgan county."

"Secondly, the International Labor Defense has already cabled all of its international affiliates to demonstrate before American embassies and consulates abroad demanding that public opinion of the workers throughout the world be heard that those boys be given a fair and unbiased trial in a place where bigamy does not run rampant and armed mobs threaten the lives not only of the defendants but of the attorneys who are trying to save them."

"Every one of the case, 'Patterson continued grimly,' will be taken to the United States supreme court if the shocking Heywood Patterson decision is not reversed by the Alabama Supreme court."

"Heterotone men throughout the world have regarded the American judicial system as operating on the theory that a man is innocent until proven guilty but this lynch-law decision handed down by twelve laughing and grinning, bigotted white men, has completely established that in Alabama a man, if his skin is black, is considered guilty until he is proven innocent and even then is guilty if the accusation is brought even by a white prostitute, or if he is accused by the moneybags, as in Tom Mooney's case."

"This decision has resulted only in strengthening the solidarity of the black and white workers throughout the world, it means a stronger, united and more influential I. L. D. seeking to safeguard the rights of all workers be they black or white."

"Countless thousands have regarded the Scottsboro case as of interest to the rights of Negroes but the struggle, contested so bitterly by the attorney general of the State of Alabama, to have Negro jurors on an Alabama jury, is of vital interest to whites who are deprived of their rights also under the system in vogue here. The question of whether Negroes are to be systematically excluded from juries in Alabama as well as the south must be settled by the United States Supreme court."

It is understood that the defense attorneys will insist firmly that the case of Charlie Weems be postponed until such time as they have appealed the Patterson case or, at least, until they have been given a sufficient length of time to raise the funds to arrange the defense which they estimate will take months. Any effort on the part of the state of Alabama to oppose this, Patterson explained, may be received by the black and white workers of the world as a clear effort to rush the boys to their death without giving his attorneys the proper time to arrange the defense.

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#### FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH NEWS

Sunday school at 10 o'clock a. m. At 11:15 the pastor, Rev. M. Williams, will preach. The choir will render special Easter music. The program at the Vesper service, which begins at 6 o'clock, will be given in two sections. The first part will consist of numbers rendered by members of the Sunday School with Mrs. Cora Williams as directress. The second part will be rendered by the choir with Mrs. Esther Hunter as directress. The public is invited.

#### OPEN NEW BARBER SHOP

Messrs Sid Thomas and Earl Henry are now opening up a new and up-to-date Barber Shop. This new shop is to be operated by these two well known barbers. They will be located at 2402-5th Street, between Davidson sandwich shoppe and the Crescent Billard parlor.

### Ministers To Meet Tuesday

At the Ministers' meeting Tuesday the Rev. M. T. J. Howard, pastor of St. Paul M. E. church, will deliver an address using for a subject "Shall We Stop Preaching? It is hoped that all the pastors of the city will be present. The public, generally, is always welcome.

Rev. W. G. Wilson, president, Rev. M. Williams, chairman of program committee

#### HAVEN-RUST CULB IN ITS

Annual entertainment "A May day treat" Monday night May 1st, 1933 at the H. B. A. Auditorium.

This year's entertainment will be unusual in that the club divided into three groups in rendering three one act plays on a competitive basis.

The best rendition bringing a prize to the successful group being feted by the losing groups.

The titles of these plays are as follows: A female play entitled "A Tempest In A Hat Shop"

A male play entitled "April Fool" "Who Become May Fools."

A mixed play entitled "Modernizing Aunt Minnie"

This year's entertainment will find the Haven-Rust players at their best for excellent other events.

You will miss a rare treat should you fail to witness this occasion.

H. B. A. Auditorium Monday night May 1st, 1933. Look for a gist of the players later.

### Haven Rust Play

The Haven-Rust Club of this city of which Dr. L. F. Brooks is president, is making preparation to meet the public Monday night, May 1st, in a three-act comedy. It is predicted that this will be one of the most outstanding presentations that the public has witnessed in Meridian.

Some of the best talent of the city will appear in this play. "Modernizing aunt Minnie" is the first act and will grip the public in the very beginning. The second act "A tempest in a hat shop" is interesting and fascinating. The third act is "April Fool." If you want to laugh and have some real fun; if you want to be inspired; if you want your children to have inspiration, see this three-act comedy in the H. B. A. auditorium, Monday night, May 1st.

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The Good Samaritan Campaign sponsored by the Meridian Star and several business concerns in our city closed a four months' Campaign Tuesday of this week. This has created more interest among the people in general of our city than any Campaign or contest that has been sponsored for all the people.

#### COLORED PEOPLE PRAISED

The editor had an interview with Misses Ethel Anderson and Kate Hunter at the Meridian Star. Misses Anderson and Hunter have had charge of the voting for these four months. Both of these ladies stated that they have no criticism whatever to offer with reference to the deportment of our people in voting. "All of the colored people who have come to this office to vote have conducted themselves in such a manner that we have no criticism whatever to offer. They have been willing to take their turn; they have been quiet and always willing to take advice with reference to the Campaign."

The editor was well pleased to hear such a statement coming from these two ladies. They also stated that they had talked with other workers at the Meridian Star headquarters and they had registered no complaints with reference to our deportment. They stated again, that they had received no complaints from the merchants who helped to sponsor this Campaign.

#### STAR OFFICE COURTEOUS

The force at the Meridian Star during the past four months has shown the same courtesy to our group that was shown to the white group. White and colored people have gone to the same office, voting the same kind of vote for the same thing without any friction whatever. The merchants, business concerns, along with the Meridian Star who sponsored this movement, have demonstrated to the public that the white and black races here in Meridian can work together toward one common end, in peace and harmony, without any friction whatever. This Campaign was sponsored by white people and not colored. It was supported by both white and colored.

We are of the opinion that this Campaign has helped to create a better feeling between the two races and a more co-operative spirit among individuals. Meridian has been helped and the people have been helped. We always welcome any movement sponsored by any group of people that will help us in community up-lift.

### Revue International

The Revue International sponsored by Mrs. W. G. Wilson, wife of the Rev. W. G. Wilson, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, was well attended Tuesday night. The play was staged in the H. B. A. auditorium. The editor is of the opinion that there were more people in the H. B. A. auditorium to witness this play than any other play that has been staged in our auditorium where an admission was charged. Mrs. Wilson had selected talent from the various churches who were participants in this Revue.



Rev. L. E. Johnson District Superintendent of the Meridian District, has been chosen by the faculty of the Newton County Training School to deliver the Commencement address Sunday April 16th, at 2:30 P. M.

The first act with the young husband and his young wife disputing over cake and milk etc., was very interesting.

The Style Shoppe in France in which Miss Albena Smith was the leading character was interesting

The little children representing some practices in Africa was full of laughter.

The wedding by the little children was a "Big hit." It would not have been natural had the children acted just as they had been trained. It was just right when some of the little tots cried; put their fingers in their mouths and had to be told how to do and how to act. The big preacher performing the ceremony etc. All of those little "Break in" made this particular scene very very interesting.

Mr. Lee Marcus Cochran looking wishful for a young lady was very interesting.

#### NEW YORK

The last scene which brought us back to New York was some what "Different." Of course, the editor, being a minister and a country man, who is just living in town could not adjust himself so well to the last scene in New York where there was plenty of smoking, dancing and drinking by young men and young women, little girls and boys.

Being so "old timey" and the like, it just made me feel a little bit out of place.

### Aurora Liteary and Art Club Entertained

Members of the Aurora Literary and Art Club were delightfully entertained, Wednesday, March 29th, by Miss H. B. Nelson.

After the business session, Mrs. Laura Harris rendered a vocal solo. A lively discussion on Technocracy led by Miss Nelson was enjoyed. Then, the fun began. We started making a yoyo spread and after about an hour, had succeeded in finishing one square, but oh, what an hour.

Applications for Mesdames Frances Eaton and B. W. Oliver were received and accepted. Mrs. Frances Eaton, Misses Jennie Ruth and Mattie Marie Scott were visitors.

Following the sewing, the hostess served a salad course and punch, ice cream and cake. Mrs. Minnie Pearl Strayhorn will be our next hostess. Time and place will be announced later.

The pastor and officers are inviting all members and friends, who helped us in the great Campaign, to a big banquet Wednesday night, April 19th, at 7:30. You have help us to get \$95.00, which is more than any other church received in this Campaign. Come and enjoy yourself.

### Banquet At Newell Chapell

The Junior Stewardess Club was royally entertained Friday, April 5th, at the home of Miss Mary E. Goodwin. A delicious course of raspberry jello and french egg sandwiches were served. Everybody expressed themselves as having spent a pleasant after-noon. Mary E. Goodwin is president, Nola Hall is secretary and Climeleen Duna-gain is treasurer.

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#### BROOKHAVEN NEWS

##### MR. ROY JOHNSON SUCCUMBS

Mr. Roy Johnson died Tuesday, April 5th. He leaves to mourn his passing a host of relatives and friends. We hope our lost is heaven's gain.

##### REV. J. A. THORNER WEDS MISS L. M. EDWARDS

Rev. J. A. Thorner and Miss Lillian M. Edwards were married Thursday, March 30th, at the home of the bride. Their many friends are wishing them a happy marriage life.

##### MRS. M. S. NIGHT SUCCUMBS

Mrs. M. S. Night passed away Friday, April 7th. Her funeral was attended Sunday, April 9th from Zion Hill A. M. E. Church, by her pastor, Rev. G. N. Tillman, assisted by Revs. P. T. Thadison, Varnado and S. S. Stephenson. She was a member of the Eastern Star No. 68. She leaves a host of relatives and friends to mourn her passing. We hope our loss is heaven's gain.

### The Good Samaritan Campaign Spon- sored By The Meridian Star and Business Concerns

#### CLOSES FOURTH MONTHS' CAM- PAIGN.

The Good Samaritan Campaign closed Tuesday of this week. This Campaign created quite a bit of interest. The capital prizes will be awarded Tuesday of next week.

#### PILGRIM PROGRESS BAPTIST CHURCH LEADS

The Pilgrim Progress Baptist Church to be awarded first prize of \$50.00. Union Baptist Church second prize of \$30.00. Newell Chapel C. M. E. Church third prize of \$20.00.

#### WHITE ORGANIZATIONS

W. M. U. of Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church wins first prize \$250.00. Business and Professional Women's Club wins second prize \$125.00. Oak Grove Baptist Church wins third prize \$75.00.

#### COLORED ORGANIZATIONS RE- CEIVE \$250.00

Two hundred and fifty dollars have been awarded the Colored Organizations during the four months' Campaign. Five churches will receive this amount. Eleven Colored Organizations of the city participated in this campaign.

#### NEWELL CHAPEL LEADS

Newell Chapel C. M. E. Church leads all Organizations among colored, in that it has received more money than any one church. The \$250.00 will be distributed as follows: Newell Chapel Church, Rev. Roy L. Young, pastor \$95.00. Union Baptist Church, Rev. B. W. Coates, pastor \$70.00. Pilgrim Progress Baptist Church, Rev. G. C. Wells, pastor \$50.00. St. Paul M. E. Church, Rev. M. T. J. Howard, pastor \$25.00. St. John Baptist Church, Rev. A. Evans, pastor \$10.00.

#### THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES CAST BY THE COLORED ORGANI- ZATIONS IS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Pilgrim Progress Baptist Church	2,667,144
2. Union Baptist	2,408,271
3. Newell's Chapel	2,357,043
4. St. Paul's W. B. D. Club	1,526,586
5. St. John's Baptist	1,002,800
6. Baptist Seminary	440,031
7. St. James A. M. E. Church	377,095
8. Mount Zion Baptist Church	144,824
9. 31st Avenue Baptist	88,646
10. Haven's Chapel	63,756
11. Mt. Herman Baptist	42,455

#### THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES CAST BY WHITE ORGANIZATIONS IS AS FOLLOWS:

1. W. M. U. of 15 Ave. Baptist Church	16,055,026
2. Business and Professional Womens Club	12,640,105
3. Oak Grove Baptist Church	5,418,308
4. Catholic Ladies Aid	3,083,697
5. 8th Ave. W. M. S.	800,646
6. Poplar Springs M. E. Church	781,976
7. 5th St. M. E. Church	511,503
8. Wesley M. E. Church	287,674
9. Matinee Musical Club	231,492
10. Magnolia Buds W. C. No. 5	210,356
11. Salvation Army	171,788
12. 41st Ave. Baptist Church	153,446
13. Kings Daughters	119,640
14. American Legion	116,024
15. First Christian Church	112,947
16. Auxiliary of O. R. C.	22,266
17. Jones Memo. Presbyterian	18,201
18. East End M. E. Church	18,096
19. Ladies I. A. of M.	6,644
20. St. Pauls Episcopal Aux.	4,700

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